"The Post Master here does not know any thing about 'Ontario', that is the reason I address C.W. I hope this will reach you. J.K."

Ellsworth Kas
Sep 6th 1867

"Dear John"

I received yours of the 27th Ulto, And was happy to learn that you were ~~injoying~~ in good health & "enjoying" yourself so well I wish I could get Holidays to spend, sailing and buggy riding, with the Young Ladies, - Well John I have neither holedays, or Young Ladies, theys are very few here I have never spoken to one except in the store, they are not the right stamps for a young man to keep company with, but there are some few coming in now. & I hope it will help to make the place

a little quiter; It has been
pritty rough, like all the
frontier towns, people go
around with Revolvers strapped
to them all the time, I have
got two good ones & have praticed
with them a Marks & Birds
considerable. Why man I could
cut the buttons of your coat
from fifty to hundred yards.
Business is pritty good here
yet, in fact it will be so all
winter. a great many have
gone to Big creek some sixty
miles west of here it will
be a "very" busy place soon the
R-Road is nearly there now
We intend opening another
house there will keep booth
running & likely I will go
there but cannot tell yet. I
intend going up next week
to see the place

About having to many irons in the fire, I dont know a pearson has got to look sharp but for one Partner to swindle, dont work, to far west for that. you may drive as sharp a bargins as you can that is all right but swinling or stealing is not tolerated it is hanging or shooting. but I make it a point to have every thing in black & white & plain fig-gures & then there is no miss-understanding. I went into business is true with a small capital but hope before the end of Dec to double my money. I do not wish to blow, but John I have seen some pritty hard times since I came west. a little over a year ago, a little after I came to Mo first why I was almost dead

Broak; had to send to you for help. I commenced pulling and tugging done the best I could, & intend to do ~~the best~~ so still. Well I still hope to be able to make my visit next winter if Posible. I think I will keep on this road for another year & then I will leave that is my opinion ~~home~~ at preasent; then I will leave the west & hunt some other more sivelized country. aint it strange that a man will endure so much for some filthy trash; but alas! it is so— Give my love to all the nise young Ladies (mind the nise ones) & Remember me to all friend And assept the best & warmest regards from— Your

Affect. Bro

J. M. Kilgore "E"

"Write Soon"

I don't put "E" that to my name

Ellsworth,
Sept 9
1867

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